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In re Application of

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2), filed September 15, 2006, to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee. See 1233 Official Gazette 54 (April 11, 2000).

The petition is **DISMISSED** as moot.

Unfortunately, the petition did not reach the appropriate official for a decision until after the above-identified application issued as U.S. Patent No. 7,110,600. Any inconvenience caused petitioners is regretted.

The Request for Continued Examination (RCE) deposited on September 15, 2006, is considered an improper submission under 37 CFR 1.114 and will not be further processed. The RCE filing fee is being refunded to counsel's deposit account.

The information disclosure statement (IDS) has been placed in the file of the above-identified application without further consideration. <u>See</u> 37 CFR 1.97(i).

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